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ANGUS MacINNIS, M.P., member of parliament for Vancouver East and vice-chairman of the national C.C.F., will speak over the CBC network on "Labor in Politics" on Thursday, September 9, at 8:30 p.m. MST. This "Nation's Business" broadcast will be carried by the new Alberta CBC station, CBX (1010 kl.)

Saskatchewan Teacher

Situation Is Improving
REGINA.—Supply of teachers in Saskatchewan for the coming school term is expected to be closer to demand than for several seasons, though a shortage is still probable, according to Allan McCallum, deputy minister of education.
A June survey indicated approximately 850 teachers were leaving the profession and another 385 were undecided, totalling 1,235 possible vacancies. Of new teacher available, 150 will come from the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, 280 from normal schools, and 400 from the 14-week summer course classes held this year.



PERSONAL STUFF
BY
E. E. R.

I think I owe a great many people a sort of apology. You see, when things turned out as they did on August 17th, I couldn't help but think about the blow to their hopes which C.C.F. people all over the province had received. I grieved about that. I wondered if it would discourage them to the point of throwing up the sponge. How many would be left to carry on the fight, I asked myself. There was a man named Elijah in Biblical history who went off and hid himself in a cave when the going got tough and lamented that "I, even I only am left." It was a natural reaction in the circumstances. It took an angel or two to show him that he wasn't the only man in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal. He was rebuked for his conceit. There have been some angels who have shown me in the past week or two how stupidly unfair it is to C.C.F. people to harbour any doubts about their continued loyalty to, and interest in, our great movement and the things for which it stands.

Some of the letters I have received from the "angels" who thought I needed a bit of a boost, have brought tears to my eyes and yet made me want to cheer. I wonder if victory at the polls could have elicited such expressions of friendship and loyalty, and even affection. The fact is that when I was feeling sorry for people who had worked so hard and hoped so strongly, they weren't (Continued on Page 8)

Electricity For Manitoba

Britain Is Nearing Her Export Goal

LONDON, England.—Five months ahead of schedule Britain is near to achieving her export target for the end of 1948. Overseas trade returns published August 24th show that in July the volume of United Kingdom exports was about 49% above the 1938 level—only 1% below the target set for next December. This is reckoned to be the largest quantity of goods sent abroad in any one month for nearly 20 years.

In terms of value in July Britain exported goods totalling £145,600,000 (\$582,400,000.) They topped by £8,200,000 (\$32,800,000) the previous best figure established in July, 1920.

July is usually a good month for exports, mainly because it is a long month (with 27 working days) and also because of the tendency to clear documents to customs before the holidays. This year, however, the London dock strike of the preceding month resulted in a falling off in receipts of documents. Had it not been for this, the July total might well have been higher.

Up Auto Exports

Highlights of the month were the all-time record of 86,000 tons of machinery shipments; a big increase in motorcar exports to Canada and the U.S.A. (these two markets accounting for nearly (Continued on Page 8)

BIG MONOPOLY IN BEER BOTTLE CAPS

WASHINGTON.—Most people know that "Big Business industries—such as steel and oil—are full of monopoly and price fixing. Few realize the extent to which "free enterprise" has been abolished in smaller businesses, where competition would most be expected.

The United States Federal Trade Commission has exposed many examples. It revealed another this week in the "bottle cap" industry.

About all it takes to make a cap for a beer bottle, or other carbonated beverage "container," is a simple machine to cut and press thin sheet metal and "cork discs." The caps are made by 12 manufacturers.

"Present Union Front"

Yet, the F.T.C. said, competition is "totally absent" in this business. The 12 manufacturers "present to a prospective customer a completely united front, insofar as products, prices and terms of sale are concerned." No trade union ever dared to plan for such an air-tight "closed shop."

No matter which of the 12 a customer buys from, he gets exactly the same product, at exactly (Continued on Page 8)

SLAVE CARGO — 1948



\$35 a head was paid for transportation of 228 Negro agricultural workers who were shipped in closed vans from Savannah, Ga., to Bay City, Mich., over 50 in each truck for the 3-day journey. Canning company which hired them to pick cucumbers provided housing in pig sties (shared with pigs) and 22¢ a day. Above, a group of workers who fled from these conditions is sheltered in a church basement.

Canadian Congress Takes Action on Communists

OTTAWA, (GPA).—The Executive Council of the Canadian Congress of Labor has cracked down on the Communist-inspired slander of its top officials by leaders of affiliated unions. At a meeting held in Ottawa recently the Council suspended the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and debarred Harvey Murphy, vice-president of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, from attending for two years a CCL Convention as a delegate.

Within 24 hours of its suspension there were signs that IUMSW would seek to be accepted back into the CCL. M. E. Travis, international secretary-treasurer of the Union, flew up from Chicago and conferred with R. H. Carlin, eastern Canada director.

Under the CCL constitution the suspended union may re-apply for affiliation after making amends or may appeal the Council decision to the annual CCL convention to be held in Toronto in October.

Not the First Time

This time, however, amends will have to be of a more convincing nature than in the past. This is not the first time that the elected officers of the CCL have been subjected to "malicious slander," it is emphasized in Ottawa. But in the past, whenever action was

taken, profuse apologies closed one instance only to be followed by another. Thus, the more drastic action of the Executive Council this time.

Charges against the IUMSW were laid by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees on the basis of an article appearing in the July 19th issue of "The Union," official publication of the miners' union. The article dealt with recent railway negotiations. In laying charges, the C.B.R.E. said the article was "false, misleading and obviously (Continued on Page 8)

Alberta Vote Down

Saskatchewan Vote Up 100,368 Over '44 Election

REGINA.—Number of voters casting ballots in the recent Saskatchewan provincial election totalling 498,081, exceeding by 57,808 the previous record of 440,273 votes cast in 1938, and 100,368 more than in 1944, according to final official figures released recently by chief Electoral Officer J. M. Telford. Only 397,713 voted in the 1944 provincial election. (Alberta's official vote figures are not yet available but the total is down from the 1944 elections.)

Party vote percentages in the recent election, compared with those of 1944 and 1938, were:

	1948	1944	1938
C.C.F.	47.86	53	19
Liberal	30.59	35	45
Prog.-Cons.	7.62	11	12
Social Credit	8.08	—	16
Others	6.12	1	8

Here is the compilation for the 82-member house, compared with 1944 and 1938, with number of members elected in brackets:

	1948	1944	1938
C.C.F.	236,920 (31)	211,308 (47)	82,568 (10)
Liberal	152,395 (19)	139,183 (5)	200,370 (38)
Prog.-Cons.	37,985 (0)	44,196 (—)	52,366 (—)
Social Credit	40,268 (0)	249 (—)	69,720 (2)
Others	30,513 (2)	2,776 (—)	35,249 (2)
Totals	498,081 (52)	397,713 (52)	440,273 (52)

Party gains by seats were: Liberals from C.C.F. (16); Independent from Liberal (1); Liberal-Progressive-Conservative from Liberal (1).

17,400 Farm Homes Will Get Service

WINNIPEG.—Manitoba Power Commission statistics show that 7,400 farm homes in this province were getting electricity from the Commission at the end of 1947. 5,000 more installations will be completed by the end of the present year and sign-up is now proceeding for 5,000 more in 1949. This will provide for 17,400 rural services at the end of 1949.

At the end of 1945 only 1,236 farm homes had electricity.

The Commission reports that work has now commenced on construction of 143 miles of 115,000 volt transmission line from a new terminal station being erected at Parkdale, north of Winnipeg. This line will feed into the Commission's system at Brandon where the present terminal station will be enlarged. The total cost of this project is approximately \$850,000. The Commission's existing main trunk lines into western Manitoba operate at 66,000 volts.

This new line operating at 115,000 volts will increase the capacity of the Commission's system and as it will not be tapped between Parkdale and Brandon, will (Continued on Page 8)

WHEAT POOL TO MARK ITS 25th BIRTHDAY

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

The Wheat Pool has rendered invaluable service to agriculture and farmers have rallied around it to make it one of the largest businesses in Alberta.

In commemoration of its silver anniversary the Alberta Wheat Elevator has adopted as its slogan, "Make this year a Pool elevator year."

The Alberta Result

Editorial, Winnipeg Free Press, August 20

FROM THE beginning of the Alberta election campaign, indeed long before it started, it was a foregone conclusion in the minds of all but a few Alberta residents that the Manning government would be returned, although the sweeping nature of the result was not anticipated and, perhaps, not wanted.

Even opposing political parties and others who had been most critical of the administration were obsessed with a sense of coming defeat or succumbed to the fear of socialism—all this carefully and skillfully created over a long period—and so supported the administration, solely for its anti-socialist policies.

Three terms in office is ordinarily a long life for any provincial government. A fourth usually results only from some extraordinary circumstance. How does it happen, then, that the Social Credit party, after three terms totalling 13 years, during which there has been some of the worst administration in Canadian political history, is now returned by a majority of such a sweeping nature?

Tory Party Tool

Nearly two years ago the Progressive Conservatives withdrew from Alberta provincial politics because they considered the Manning government was a good, safe conservative administration. Speakers at the Progressive Conservative convention said so and the idea was made prevalent in the province. Thus the Manning government became, in fact, a Conservative party tool and gained Conservative support on the belief that it would indeed be a Conservative party government with the Progressive half of the label left off.

Being such, it would not disturb the economic and business expansion started during the war by the

presence of thousands of American troops, and continued after the war by reason of national policies and conditions and the discovery of new oil fields. It was an expansion with the promotion of which the local government had nothing to do but which it could disturb. Mr. Manning, the Conservatives believed, would not disturb it.

Ground Prepared

Thus for two years the ground was being prepared. The campaign itself was such as not to arouse the electorate from the apathy into which it had been lulled by full employment, good business and oil.

Dailies Back S.C.

In the campaign all four daily newspapers in Calgary and Edmonton, together with business and industry, community leaders and others, who found their momentary world of profits the best of all possible worlds, were solidly in support of the government.

In the face of this combination of power and publicity those who, like the Liberal leader, Mr. Harper Prowse, dared to speak out against the abuses and oppression of the past 13 years, were helpless.

In vain they called attention to the authoritarianism of the government; the deplorable state of the educational system; the conditions which caused the "Babies for Export" enquiry; the bad roads which by their impassability deprived thousands of Alberta children of long months at school; the mid-winter purge by which the Social Credit party hoped to make the electors believe, and did, that they had cleansed themselves of their anti-Semitism and anti-democracy philosophy; the political operation of treasury branches; and various other abuses which made the Alberta government one of the worst that any Canadian province has ever endured.

That these abuses were recognized even by some of those who supported the government is evident. On May 13 this year the Edmonton Journal, writing about the Manning government, said editorially:

It is an amazing thing that Canada went to war to destroy the fascist states of Germany and Italy, while Alberta, both before the war and today, continues steadily to tolerate fascist laws and economic rackets which are absolutely contrary to free enterprise and competitive service to the public.

In the election the Edmonton Journal supported the government which it had described in those words only three months earlier.

Small Meetings

The apathy into which the electors had been lulled was evident in the campaign. Meetings were small and indifferent. Ten and fifteen persons were the normal attendance in Edmonton. Even Premier Manning at three

meetings had attendances of 50, 30 and 60 respectively. In the early weeks of the campaign, already made as short as possible by the government, the Calgary and Edmonton daily papers gave little space to discussion of public questions or reports of candidates' speeches. The premier might get three or four inches in a column, sometimes less, and others in proportion.

Social Reforms

The C.C.F. did not seize the extraordinary opportunity thus presented. As a socialist party they had something to fight. They had a direct alternative to offer and the large vote for public ownership in the power plebiscite shows the field was not entirely infertile. But the C.C.F. played down its socialist principles. It offered social reforms, took the public ownership side in the plebiscite and pointed to Saskatchewan as utopia.

In its efforts to get farm support, and thereby show a reversal of the trend towards becoming a labor party, it got neither farm votes nor those of industrial workers in adequate numbers. There were 15 industrial or semi-industrial seats in which its chances were good. It got two and its popular vote declined from the level of the last election.

Fought Losing Battle

The Liberal cause was lost before the campaign started. Mr. Harper Prowse, the young and capable leader, criticized vigorously and offered a tentative program. But he had had insufficient time to build an organization, he had inadequate campaign funds and, it was evident, lacked the support he should have received from many older Liberals who, like their Conservative friends, wanted to preserve the status quo. Nevertheless, Mr. Prowse won for his new Liberal party upwards of 40,000 votes. In 1944 the party was non-existent and in 1940 the Liberals got only 4,109 votes. In another four years the Liberal party should grow to the point of being an acceptable alternative to the present government.

Progressive-Conservatives are rejoicing in the victory of the Manning government as a victory for their own party. If in fact the Alberta government can be counted as Conservative—and Conservatives so regard it—then it must be counted as the extreme right wing of the Conservative party, as one of the Conservative governments to which the word Tory can be applied with precise accuracy.

TASMANIA LABOR TIED WITH ITS OPPOSITION

MELBOURNE, Australia.—Counting has been completed in the Tasmanian general election. The Labor Government, led by Mr. Robert Cosgrove, has lost its majority of one over the combined Liberals and Independents. The strength of the parties in the New House of Assembly will be Labor 15, Liberals, 12, and Independents 3. Among the new Liberal members is Mr. K. O. Lyons, a son of Dame Enid Lyons, MHR, and the late Joseph Lyons, former Prime Minister of Australia. The new member stood as a Liberal. Mr. Cosgrove states that the State Parliamentary Labor Party would meet shortly to review the position.

Outstanding Dental Service



Perhaps the three most distinguishing features of New Zealand's dental service are the use of dental nurses, the comprehensiveness of its coverage, and the support of the dental profession. Dental nurses fill teeth, make extractions, and perform other operations that are usually done by a professional dentist. In 1946 there were more than 400 dental nurses at work and nearly 200 more in training.

It is unusual for a profession to permit persons less fully trained to practice any part of their art without "viewing with alarm" or protest, said Dr. Hugh MacLean, former Regina physician now residing in Los Angeles and Dean E. McHenry, University of California in a recent survey of New Zealand's health services. In this regard the New Zealand dental profession is indeed remarkable, for a state service has been developed that will soon cover nearly one-third of the population of the country, and a large share of that service is carried out by dental nurses. In any case the extension of the service has been attended by the good wishes and active support of the overwhelming majority of the profession.

Free dental service is provided pre-school and primary school children, and in 1946 free service was extended to adolescents, gradually to be extended up to age 19.

Sawdust Helps In Housing Drive

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ALBERTA SECTOR

An election is only a skirmish in the global war of many fronts between two ways of life: Capitalism and socialism. It's a long-term war in which many battles are lost or won without the issue being decided. Canada is only one front in this war and the provincial election is a skirmish on a sector in this front. Even as the many fronts differ from one another so do the sectors on each front according to local circumstances and general conditions.



Attending the National C.C.F. convention was an opportunity to observe the whole front and form a picture of how goes the struggle. All I want to report now is that the conventions revealed a forward moving battlefront for the forces of socialism with impressive new equipment and good morale among the troops.

I wish to make a comment on the recent skirmish in the Alberta sector—the provincial election. Others will, no doubt, do likewise. From such comments and observations the officers of this movement must learn new and improved techniques for struggles that are to come.

That the results of the election were disappointing need not be denied. Disappointment is a natural human reaction. What we must guard against is discouragement. Socialists must remember that most social progress has been achieved by men and women who were able to avoid discouragement in face of many disappointments. In order to do so one must have what it takes, namely, confidence in the righteousness of the social cause and understanding of social issues and forces involved in the struggle. Our disappointment was greater than usual because the response of the people to the C.C.F. program of social security was greater than usual.

The manner in which our program was presented on the radio and through the printed word was excellent. The candidates were men and women of good standing in the community, sincere and loyal members of the movement. What, then, was the invisible force which defeated them? I think it was fear, fear of communism. For weeks the radio and the millionaire press had the people in jitters about the menace of communism. The Berlin crisis! spy scares! The Kasenkina case! Added to all that were the unscrupulous lies about the C.C.F. being the tools of Com-

The People Speak

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THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: I have just been reading, with mingled feelings of amazement and delight, the returns by ridings, of the recent Alberta election. Amazed at the continued enthusiasm of the mass of Alberta people for an exploded, outmoded, unrealistic fantasy, Social Credit. Delighted with the cells of thinkers here and there who still cling to the hope of the future, the socialist state for humanity, the faithful vote for the C.C.F.

I think it is one of the greatest glories of Alberta, that her believers in Socialism, like oases of greenery and freshness, in a vast trackless desert, still are faithful to their ideals and register their votes, in spite of the overwhelming dust storms of Social Credit fallacy.

Under the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan, the theories in the platform of the party in power, are enacted into law. The people see their political theory working for them in every department of government.

In Alberta, with the Social Crediters in full power for many years, not one outstanding Social Credit principle, as such, has been enacted into law. It is amazing that an intelligent electorate will stand for such a denial of principles, by a political party when once in full authority in the province.

So, I think these small cells of C.C.F. voters, like a leaven in the bread of life, will continue to grow and spread over the land, until within the life span of most of us, it will crown the province with its promise—its hope of the future—the Socialist State.

BERT HUFFMAN,
Newton Station, B.C.

munists. Plus the Labor Progressive campaign to support the C.C.F.

Perhaps all this would not have mattered much in the Hungry Thirties. But in this year of 1948 Alberta is a boom province. There is full employment and good prices for farm products. The effects of inflation are too recent to inspire general revolt. People live in the hope that somehow things will become "normal". Anyway, the stakes are still too high to take chances.

So why not leave things as they are? That I believe was the general attitude of the 50% of the electors who took the trouble to go to the polls. In other words, while the people have many grievances, they have not enough wrinkles in their tummies to make them seek social security through the C.C.F. Like horses, they come to the water but they were not dry enough to drink. A red herring in the water was enough to make them bolt away. Never mind—they will come back when their tongues get parched.

THE SOONER THE BETTER

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Your forthright editorial on the "coarse grains" problem says much in little space. As I understand it, all the organized farmers want "coarse grains" divorced from the tender mercies of the speculative traders; with the division of rural opinion based largely on the nature, personnel and function of the Board to handle same. If I am correct in this, one would favor the Wheat Board adding a "coarse grains" division to its present scope; while the other desires a separate board, operating solely for—and in the interests of—the producers?

I have no doubt that, in due season, the growers will find their way to common ground. When they do (and the sooner the better) I am sure that 90 per cent of the farmers will be pleased, and doubtless a similar percentage of the grain gamblers will be sore? Nevertheless, it remains true, the sooner the better!

An agreement of this character would quickly cut the ground from purely political approaches to this vital matter. At any rate I have long noted that the foes of the organized farmers—i.e., the interests who prefer to keep the growers thoroughly "atomized" and exploitable—thrive upon, enjoy, and endeavour to prolong, every possible spot of disunity in our rural ranks?

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BY H. ZELLA SPENCER

IT ALWAYS takes time to recover from disappointments. And no doubt the results of the provincial election was a disappointment to many of us. There are some who for the time feel like saying, "What's the use!"

It makes me think of the beginning of Robert Smillie's autobiography, "My Life for Labor." He said that, "Sometimes just when we have begun to say 'The flowing tide is with us,' it has commenced to ebb and has left us high and dry on the waste shore of disappointment and disillusionment." And he goes on to say that at such times it is by comparing the present with the past of some thirty or fifty or seventy years that we can be conscious of the progress we have made.

When we take time off to do that, things do not seem so black. To be sure we did think that, judging from the results of the provincial election in other provinces and from the comments of many, that we should have had a better representation in this coming legislature. I mean better as to quantity, not as to quality. However, we were wrong and are frankly disappointed.

We are disappointed because the social program we hoped to have

enacted is thus delayed, because that is why we want members elected. We elect them to carry out our wishes which we think are for the good of society. That is the form of socialized government for which we stand. We do not elect them to enforce an unwanted program on us, or to enrich themselves personally or for personal power.

And the trouble is, as I said, we are experiencing a slowing-up of the introduction of the various plans we hoped to put into effect. But we must never lose sight of the fact, that looking back through the years, we realize our socialized policies are being introduced by governments which loudly decried the policy at first. We see this all the time. Governments may go to length, as this one has done repeatedly, of assuring their followers that our efforts have had nothing whatever to do with it. But the protests sound too loudly to ring true.

It would be pleasing, it would be encouraging, it would hasten the work we have in hand if our party had been elected. We can however realize that our efforts are not for the sake of winning elections but for the sake of building up public opinion that our policies be adopted. We can do this and take heart and realize we are disappointed at the delay but not given over to discouragement.



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FARMERS MADE THE CHOICE

DURING THE provincial election campaign Premier Manning insisted on repeating that only 4,670 farm homes in Manitoba were receiving electricity from the Manitoba Power Commission. The figure, which was used by the Premier for the purpose of belittling the progress of rural electrification under public ownership, was wrong. The Power Commission's own statistics showed that at the end of 1947 there were 7,000 rural installations in Manitoba, with 5,000 being completed in 1948 and another 5,000 being signed up for 1949. The error was called to Mr. Manning's attention but he kept on making use of the incorrect figure.

A release from Winnipeg published in this issue of the *People's Weekly* tells of extensive developments by the Manitoba Power Commission. By comparison Alberta, with potential power resources far greater than Manitoba, is making very little progress in getting electricity into farm homes.

Through a clever political trick the Manning government got a mandate from the people of the province to make rural electrification in this province subject to the profit-making whims of private power companies. However, although it was the urban voters who voted against the only system by which there can be any extensive development of rural electrification, it was the farmers who made the important choice. They voted for the present government, which was a vote against public ownership.

EXPLOITERS FEAR IT

IT IS OBVIOUS that the enemies of the C.C.F. recognize something that is known and felt by members and supporters of the movement—that it is an established force in this country that won't and can't be stopped by temporary set-backs. Superficial observers have several times said the C.C.F. was "through." But its more realistic enemies don't make that mistake.

Thus we find nearly every issue of such papers as *The Financial Post* hammering away at the C.C.F. The current issue of the *Post* has a front page editorial with the heading: "C.C.F.'ers Say Plainly They Plan Revolution." It is a good example of the way the millionaire press throughout the country distorts every act and purpose of the C.C.F. It is doubtful if any other political movement anywhere has had more lies told about it in fifteen years than the C.C.F. in Canada. And many of them are told by people who proclaim their own "Christian" rectitude.

But the very violence and bitterness of the campaign against the C.C.F. throughout Canada by the venal organs of special privilege is one of the best of proofs that the movement is a virile force that is greatly feared by the exploiters of the resources and people of Canada.

WE ARE "CONTENTED"

THERE IS unanimity throughout Canada about the cause of recent election results. We are, says the *Toronto Saturday Night*, a "contented people." It is true, of course. We are in the midst of the biggest business boom in our history. It is still a seller's market with shortages of goods, high employment, an unprecedented market for farm products and a general prosperity that is enjoyed by nearly everyone. Only the people on inadequate fixed incomes are really suffering, even from the high cost of living. And in such a period people don't change their governments.

It must be the hope of every person who has the welfare of the people at heart that the present inflationary situation won't develop to the place that chaos will result. Past economic history shows that the higher the price structure has risen the more severe is the inevitable drop.

MUST HAVE HOMES

THE FINANCIAL papers are warning the government of Canada against guaranteeing housing loans to people while real estate prices are inflated as they are at present. The financial interests won't take such risks, why should the government?

The matter of housing the Canadian people does not, of course, enter into the calculations of the money-lenders. They want the government to take the same "realistic" position.

But the provision of housing has become recognized throughout the modern world as a responsibility of government. It may be perfectly true that the eventual drop in real estate values will wipe out the small equities now held by many purchasers of homes. But they must have homes and the only alternative to the present situation is for the government of Canada to undertake low-rental housing projects such as those in Britain, Sweden and New Zealand.

THE THIRD COLUMN

RIDING THE CREST

The Lacombe Globe,

August 26:

"Few observers expected a new government in Edmonton. But few predicted the big majority. Why the administration was so heavily endorsed has been a matter of great interest, and two answers, at least, seem to hold substantial weight. One is that times are good, that the province is riding a crest of riches in newly-developed natural resources like oil that buries under an avalanche any weak cry of 'It's time for a change.' With a good harvest anticipated this fall, with livestock prices at a new high, with oil derricks pinpointing the country, with a booming tourist trade, with practically full employment, why vote for a change? The government, not unnaturally, has received much credit for today's prosperity. Secondly, the election followed closely on the heels of a pro-C.C.F. Saskatchewan vote, and many electors feared Socialism. Since Liberals and Independents were recognizably weak, thousands of anti-socialists climbed aboard an overloaded Social Credit bandwagon."



A BIG "BUT"!

Austin F. Cross, in

The Country Guide, August:

"Now in the meantime, Drew and Duplessis have worked very closely together against the common enemy, Ottawa."

"The Drew-Duplessis axis is a very real thing, and today, a very potent thing. If Duplessis wants to, he can deliver 30 seats next election to any Conservative party, or for that matter, any other party. In other words Drew and Duplessis working together could win as many as 80 seats in Ontario and Quebec alone. Some would 'raise the ante' and make it 100. But in any event, the Double D Axis is the hottest thing in political Canada today."

"Thus, that landslide by the Duplessis crowd has started a series of events that may change the Liberal premiership, turn Quebec from its historic 'Rouge' beliefs, give the Conservatives a new lease of life, develop a Quebec-Ontario axis at Ottawa, and see the first non-Liberal administration on Parliament Hill for a long time. I guess the best word to describe it is 'avalanche.'"

"But, but, let's not overlook a man called M. J. Coldwell, leader of the C.C.F. He may knock all this into a cocked hat, and be next prime minister himself."



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RECIPROCITY TALKS

ON SOCIAL SECURITY

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.
The director of Australian Social Services, Mr. F. H. Rowe, is here to negotiate extensions of reciprocity of pensions and other benefits between New Zealand and Australia. Reciprocity of Age and Invalids Benefits already exists.

FOOTPRINTS

By Their Fruits

BY J. P. GRIFFIN



(Said Pilate) "Is it your will that I release to you the King of the Jews?" Again they yelled, "No, not him; Bar-Abbas. Now Bar-Abbas was a robber."

GREAT movements, like great men, are only defeated when they admit defeat, and it was this incomprehensible—to them—refusal to give up the struggle that baffled the German militarists at MONS and the Nazis at Stalingrad. This is not however to minimize the fact that Big Business won an important battle in Alberta on August 17th. The fascist technique by which rancorous scare-mongers, who flood the airwaves with falsehood and fear, create panic in the minds of the people was used to the full.

It does not take intelligence to cause a panic, any fool can yell "fire" in a crowded theatre, but it does take intelligence to stand fast when one's neighbors are stampeded by unreasoning fear. All honor to the C.C.F.'ers whose courage was equal to the occasion, who stood firmly by their convictions and who therefore could not be shaken.

The vote cast by the electors has been called a mandate for Manning. It is no such thing. They did not vote FOR rotten roads, uneducated children, neglected pensioners, and the loss of their natural resources. Why should they? They voted AGAINST the possibility of Communism. Over and over again they said that they liked the C.C.F. program. How could it be otherwise when people just like themselves had made it?

They accepted the C.C.F. as good, BUT, and on that "but" the deceivers of the electorate rode to power. I am convinced that the people were made to feel that they faced three choices. A Social Credit Administration which they had been able to endure, a Liberalism which they had long ago learned to despise, and a democratic Socialism which they had been taught to fear. Being falsely persuaded that these were the issues, they did the logical thing.

Yet this is not the first time that the people have turned their backs upon the Christ and voted for the robber. Long ago they shouted, "His blood be upon us and on our children," and as it has been, it will be even so. As the average communal intelligence of the province weakens, for communities have been split asunder by Social Credit policies throughout the length and breadth of Alberta, as citizens cease to co-operate in group enterprises, so the primitive fear of the individual will strengthen.

We of the C.C.F. will have to re-double our efforts as an educational force for sanity and peace. Never have we needed to be so blameless in public or private affairs as now. If we have not chosen the robber's way, then we must have chosen the way of the Christ for there is no other. With unshaken confidence we stand for a moment within the mists of uncertainty, never doubting that the sun still shines, and sure that we and all our neighbors shall emerge at last into the unbroken light of day.

What Happened?

By J. E. COOK

POSTMORTEMS are gruesome things but, nevertheless, quite useful and necessary. This column this week is an invitation, to any who will, to assist.

The issue in the recent election was Capitalism. It was deliberate political misrepresentation that called it communism. The purpose was to build up bogey-man fears to cover up real and immediate dangers.

The democratic Socialism of the C.C.F. should be confused with Communism is the result of deliberately dishonest propaganda by people who do know better.

But democracy is finally determined by the reaction of the majority to propaganda whether it be honest or deceptive. C.C.F. members have long ago committed themselves to abide by the decision of the majority. The greatest political liberty any individual may enjoy is to be wrong, and still have complete right to his belief. But lying propaganda in the end is the sure road to violence on the part of a betrayed electorate.

Profit-Taking Orgy

The Manning government has been given a task to do. It may seem an easy task to satisfy a frightened electorate. What Mr. Manning promised was more of the

same. "The next five years can be the best," he said, and that will be true for the corporations and individuals who have moved in to harvest Alberta's natural resources. The next five years so far as this province is concerned, will certainly be an orgy of profit-taking.

Abandon Social Credit

Elected in 1935 to do certain definite things, this government, admittedly, has done none of them. In 1944, it was re-elected to change nothing, and it did it. The 1948 mandate is to continue doing nothing new. This government has shown its fitness to carry out such a mandate. Indeed, it made its intention plain before the event by abandoning, publicly, all Social Credit trimmings, and disavowing any intention to interfere with the profit-taking barons of Alberta industry.

That it had made plain its allegiance to Big Business administration was no secret. The only question left was the reaction of the Alberta voter. The voter was asked to decide whether he thought he was getting a fair, or indeed, any share of the revenue from natural resources.

Good Times

"The farmers' and laborers' position is presently good. Each is a little capitalist in his own line. But so he was in 1912, in 1920, (Continued on Page 6)

40 CCYM Delegates Elect Jacques Morin President

WINNIPEG, (CPA).—The Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement made history at its national convention in Winnipeg on August 17 and 18 by electing a French-speaking young Canadian as national president. He is Jacques Morin, 27-year-old office worker and student from Montreal, who received the unanimous vote of the convention. He had served for two years previously as national vice-president of the CCYM.

Ron Moats, young Riceton, Sask. farmer and student who headed the youth movement during the past two years, declined to run again. He was elected to the na-

tional executive, and will sit on the C.C.F. National Council as the CCYM member of that body.

Other national officers chosen by the convention were pretty Jeannine Theoret, 25-year-old secretary of an AFL union in Montreal, and Ethel Jacobs, office secretary in Vancouver, whose active participation in the national work of the CCYM won her an exceptionally warm expression of appreciation from the delegates.

National Secretary

At a CCYM National Council meeting on August 20, Mrs. Sylvia Goldblatt of Ottawa was appointed to the position of national secretary. Sylvia had acted as secretary

C.C.F. Convention Banquet



The banquet room at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, was filled to capacity when M. J. Coldwell addressed the delegates at the national convention.

pro tem for the movement during the three months prior to the convention. Elgin Blair of Toronto was appointed to head an organizing committee.

About 40 young people met in Winnipeg for the CCYM convention, many of them staying on as C.C.F. delegates or observers at the C.C.F. convention. They represented every province except P.E.I. and Nova Scotia. A keen group of young observers from Winnipeg sat in at the sessions, and on August 21 an organizational meeting was called to re-organize CCYM activity in the province of Manitoba.

Two U.S. Students

Two American students were interested observers. Helmut Wenkert, from the Young People's Socialist League, New York City, and Frances Mellinger, a student of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, had spent several weeks touring the C.C.F. province of Saskatchewan before they wound up their vacation trip at the Winnipeg sessions.

The CCYM received its first report from the International Un-

ion of Socialist Youth, which it joined last year. Elgin Blair, Toronto student veteran, has gone as CCYM delegate to the IUSY summer camp in Austria last month.

The CCYM voted to continue publication of their national bilingual magazine, "Horizon." Doris French and Jacques Morin, along with the CCYM secretary, were named to the magazine editorial staff. Regional editors would be appointed by the Council.

Resolutions

Resolutions were passed by the CCYM to abolish capital punishment in Canada, and to introduce sex education in secondary schools. Other resolutions included the abolition of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, and recognition of the new state of Israel. A decision was taken to hold CCYM National Council meetings once a year.

Organize Nationally

MRS. STRUM HEADS WOMEN'S GROUP

WINNIPEG, (CPA).—Over thirty C.C.F. women who have been actively interested in the field of women organization in different provinces took advantage of C.C.F. national convention week to set up a National C.C.F. Women's Committee to co-ordinate and promote their work.

Glady's Strum, M.P., was unanimously chosen national president of the new committee, at a meeting on August 20. Mrs. Mary Morrison of Ottawa, secretary of the Ontario C.C.F. Women's Committee, was elected national secretary.

Mrs. Morrison said that considerable work had already been done from the C.C.F. National Office in Ottawa to arrange a distribution of literature to the women's committees and clubs. Recent publications from the British Labor Party's chief woman officer, Miss Mary Sutherland, are going out to C.C.F. women's locals.

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The Electrification Plebiscite

BY HENRY YOUNG

A PART FROM the temporary setback to the C.C.F. movement in Alberta, the most regrettable feature of the recent election was the apparent defeat of public ownership in the Electrification plebiscite.

However, we do not have to accept this result as final, and there are some features of this plebiscite to which I wish to call attention. The first point is that a considerable majority of the farm population of Alberta voted for provincial ownership of power. Their votes were offset by the huge majorities given for private ownership in the cities of Calgary, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, where presumably the Power Companies have special influence. This may have been what the government wanted, but it leaves the farmer with a deep sense of injustice for these same city people already have electric light and power.

Not Directly Concerned

It has been amply proved in Ontario and elsewhere that a properly managed provincial hydro-electric system will in the long run cost the people less than a system run for private profit. Why then should the farmer be denied the benefits of electrification on a province-wide basis by the votes of people not directly concerned?

Not Sufficiently Informed

Another important point is that the people of Alberta were on the whole quite unprepared and not sufficiently informed for the taking of a vote on such an important matter. Proof of this fact can be found in the amount of explanation which election officials had to give voters after they actually came to the polls. Further proof lies in the large number of blank ballots turned in by voters who were too undecided to vote at all on the plebiscite.

These facts show clearly that a plebiscite on an important issue such as electrification should not be taken at the time of any general election. At such a time the whole attention of the public is focussed upon the various parties each with their policies and candidates and all the real and spurious issues which are involved in an election. In the campaign just past there was no time or opportunity to get properly informed



HENRY YOUNG

on the great subject of Public development of hydro-electric power. Hence the indecisive and unsatisfactory outcome.

However, no war is lost at the first skirmish, and no question is ever settled until it is settled right. In Ontario it took many years of effort against every kind of opposition that ignorance, greed and self-interest could put up, before the people triumphed and the Ontario Hydro was born. In Alberta the Power Companies will doubtless be prepared to spend millions to prevent the loss of their monopoly here, but informed people will disregard their propaganda.

It is up to us through our farm and municipal organizations to take up the fight for a provincial hydro. A demand for a new plebiscite to be held within a year or so should be launched. Educational work must be done, so that next time the vote will be decisive. Farmers and others who believe in this principle should never give up the fight. We can win if we do not lie down on the job.

SURPLUS SPUDS

So far this year, Uncle Sam has bought up more than 9,000,000 bushels of potatoes at a cost of about \$16,000,000 under the farm price support program. Most of the spuds are to be converted into flour, which will be shipped abroad by the army to help feed Old World hungry.

BY JACK SUTHERLAND

THE FIRST thought in the minds of the average organized farmer in Alberta as he or she listened to the election returns was and is one of keen disappointment, discouragement and dismay that our hopes of adequate rural power have been set back for another four or five years as a result of the defeat of the public ownership plebiscite. We are forced to this conclusion by the experience of the United States, Ontario and other communities in which it has been proven beyond a doubt that only through a comprehensive scheme of public ownership can rural electrification be secured at a cost that the farm people can afford to pay.

The second thought in our minds amounting to a definite certainty, is that the present Social Credit Government is opposed to public ownership. Faced with the demand from all rural organizations for such a proposal, the Government initiated this plebiscite which from the start was doomed to defeat as the Government had hoped.

Government Opposition

What are some of the reasons for this defeat? First, the opposition of the Government itself and its expressed wish to its own supporters to see the public ownership phase defeated, thereby accomplishing two things, viz, absolving the Government from responsibility and meeting the desires of the big interests.

Press Propaganda

Second, the opposition in the towns and cities. Many people were confused and misled by Government and press propaganda with regard to rural electrification. Calgary is an outstanding example of confusion in this regard. That city is enjoying very substantial benefits from public ownership in the distribution of its domestic supply of electricity, yet that same city by its overwhelming vote against public ownership for the rural areas denied equal opportunity to the rural people.

Third, only one of the four political parties came out four square for rural electrification. That of course, was the C.C.F. All the others were either actively opposed or on the fence.

Despite all this supreme effort on the part of all those mentioned above public ownership almost carried. The proposal was only defeated by a few thousand votes and well over a hundred thousand voters registered their approval. We read in the Bible, "That this too shall pass away." Some day we shall have a government in Alberta more understanding of the needs and problems of the farm and rural people. Then the life-giving waters dashing down the eastern slopes of the Rockies, the billions of tons of black energy stored beneath the ground, these two and other potential sources of power, will ease the burden on the aching backs of the Alberta farm people.

In the meantime, all farm and rural organizations must keep up a continuous program of education as to the principles and advantages of public ownership so that the urban people, all people, shall understand and with knowledge and truth, vote with intelligence, reason and tolerance.

What Happened?

(Continued from Page 4)

in 1929. Is it forever now? Has capitalism been reformed and remodelled to serve the interest of the farmer and laborer? Let us hope so.

The voter in Alberta, perhaps under the dishonest threat of Communism, cut himself off from much of the tremendous revenue from the immense natural resources of this province that could have provided immediate social services and ultimate social security.

Farmer and Labor Issues

Not Challenged

Let it be clear. The C.C.F. claims no function separate from other organizations of farmer and laborer. The A.F.U., the U.F.A., the A.F.A. demanded that coarse grains should be included under the marketing board.

All the farm organizations, including the Association of Rural Municipalities demanded rural electrification under public ownership.

Rural Electrification

The government so bedevilled this question that city people who have cheap electricity under public ownership were set to kill it for rural people who have none. As a result of government manipulation for political purposes of the question of RURAL electrification, city people were tricked into being the agents to deny electrification to rural people.

Co-op Tax

The co-operative movement in this province has opposed income tax levy on co-operative surpluses. This government has maintained publicly that there is no difference between co-ops and any other business and that co-ops should pay income tax.

Bill 91

The government passed Bill 91 over the opposition of the leaders of the Alberta Labor movement with one or two exceptions. The C.C.F. fought an election on these issues, all of them the

AUSTRALIA TO PROBE ATOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

MELBOURNE, Australia.—While the Premier of South Australia, Mr. Thomas Playford, is abroad, he will investigate latest research in atomic power and its possible application to industrial development in his State. He added that South Australia had a great need for more power, especially if it was to become the centre of British scientific research into long range weapons. It also had the only two known uranium deposits in Australia.

considered position of the organized farmers and laborers. The government ignored the expressed position of the organized workers of the province.

The postmortem is not what happened to the C.C.F.; it is what happened to the organized farm, municipal and labor groups? Perhaps the question is whether there is any need for such organizations if decisions of the leaders and the members of those organizations are to be ignored and replaced by government decisions.

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Miss Coldwell not only won the University gold medal but also, the John Burns music scholarship (\$200) and Radio Station CFAC Music Scholarship (\$100).

Her father M. J. Coldwell has been prominently associated with the C.C.F. since its inception and is a former C.C.F. candidate.

Miss Coldwell commenced piano study at five years of age and since twelve years old has been under the tutelage of Mr. Leonard

Leacock, teacher and composer, of Mount Royal College, Calgary, continuously for both theoretical and practical instruction. During this time she was twice silver medalist for Alberta in Grade VII and IX of the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

In 1947 she obtained her A.T.C.M. Performers degree from the Toronto Conservatory of Music at the same time graduating from High School with senior matriculation standing.

First Class Honors

This June she received her L.R.S.M. Performers diploma from the Royal Schools of Music England and the diploma of A. Music (Alberta) from the Western Board of Music, University of Alberta. She has the distinction of having obtained a first class honor standing for both the diploma and A. Music (Alberta) examination and her L.R.S.M. degree.

The awards of the University Gold Medal as well as the John Burns music scholarship (\$200) and radio station CFAC music scholarship (\$100) were made on the merits of the Alberta examination results.

Having been prominent in provincial and Order of the Eastern Star musical festivals for many



MARY-ELLA COLDWELL

years, she includes in later achievements, her appearance as guest artist with the Mount Royal College symphony orchestra at the age of seventeen playing Beethoven Concerto No. 3. In 1946 she was winner of the Calgary Birks awards contest for instrumentalists with its subsequent ten-week radio contract over radio station CFAC. This summer she attended the music courses at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Despite unusual success as a pianoforte player, Miss Coldwell's chief musical interest centres around the medium of composition, and it is to this field mainly she hopes to apply her scholarships.

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to Miss Coldwell whose promising musical career will be followed with much interest by readers of the People's Weekly.

In Politics

CHRISTIANS MUST MEET CHALLENGE

OTTAWA, (CPA)—"Those who profess and call themselves Christians cannot be insensitive to those aspects of our common life and behavior which we lump together under the name of politics," M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. national leader, told a United Church conference in Merrierville, Ontario, where he appeared as guest speaker recently.

The Christian religion is concerned with "our immediate environment," and "providing the means for the development of character and personality," Mr. Coldwell said. "I think that a major objective of political activity must be to give to every citizen a background of health, security and leisure without which self development is impossible. . . The society in which we live must guarantee to all the same rights as we wish to possess ourselves.

Degrading People

"Like democratic socialists everywhere the C.C.F. struggles against conditions which, besides exploiting and degrading great masses of people, deny the exercise of that effective personal liberty without which human personality contracts, fades and ultimately sinks into insignificance. . .

"The motive of production must be changed from private profit to public service. And how can this be done except by socializing those basic industries which are monopolistic in nature but upon which the welfare of the community depends?"

The New Britain

By N. P. Finnemore

N. P. Finnemore, vice-president of the Edmonton C.C.F., and Mrs. Finnemore are holidaying in England. After an absence of many years, they are finding striking evidence of the emphasis placed on "Humanity First" by the Labor government. This is the first of a series of articles by Mr. Finnemore.

MY BROTHER who is very interested in boys took some ninety of them, mostly of the working class, up to Keswick, in the English lake district, for two weeks holiday in camp. A day or two after arriving one of them broke his thigh. He was taken to the local cottage hospital where his leg was set and where he received medical attention and the best possible nursing care, for about ten days. His home, however, was in Birmingham and my sister and I went up by car to bring him back.

Gas, or petrol as it is called here, is severely rationed and difficult for private car owners to get. However, on explaining the reason for its need no difficulty or delay was experienced in getting sufficient ration coupons for the required petrol to drive the car up to Keswick and back to Birmingham again, a journey of about 400 miles.

We brought the boy down and left him at a very fine cripple's hospital on the outskirts of Birmingham. It is expected he will have to remain at least three months and should the bone not set properly an operation will be performed.

Free Treatment

As the boy came from a rather poor home I wondered how it was

all going to be paid for. I asked my brother who was going to foot the bill.

He replied, "There will not be any bill neither for his treatment and board in the hospital at Keswick nor in Birmingham regardless of how long he has to stay or what treatment is required. This will all be paid for out of the national security scheme that came into operation on July 1st of this year."

I am told that there are not nearly enough dentists to deal with all the dental work applied for thus showing what great need there was for such a scheme.

The above incident reads like things that happen in Saskatchewan and thus forge a link between the Labor government of England and our C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan.

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Personal Stuff

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thinking about themselves at all? They were thinking about the other fellow. So they've written in, expressing their continued devotion to the C.C.F. cause, quoting bits of helpful verse, suggesting ways to continue the battle, assuring me that truth won't be forever on the scaffold and wrong forever on the throne. Favorite of the quotations have been from Kipling's "If"—"If you can hear to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, or see the things you gave your life to, broken, and stoop to build them up with worn-out tools."

But the things we've given our life to are not broken! Knaves who twist the truth we've spoken cannot break the strong fabric of a noble idea. And if the things we've given our lives to are any less than the indestructible principles of justice and right, it would be better if they were broken. On the other hand, if the goal for which we strive is the right goal, if we are convinced that the way we are going is the right way, there is nothing for us to do but keep on keeping on, whether we be few or many. Of course I knew all this, hence the apology with which I started this column. I apologize for thinking, even for a moment, that anyone who had dedicated himself or herself to the cause which is represented by the C.C.F. would think of giving way to discouragement. And, on the same basis, I wonder if any of you owe me an apology!

What next? Well, in November the annual provincial convention. Somehow I have the feeling that it will be the largest and best provincial convention in our history. I think there are hundreds of our C.C.F. people who have

already decided that they will attend—"just to show them!" And then, deep down, probably in the spring, a federal election. We'll be in that, making the C.C.F. program known, fighting for the things we believe in and fighting against the things we believe are wrong. We'd do that even if we knew the result beforehand—because disgrace does not come from losing a fight; it comes from running away from a fight for what one believes is right. And the tide of battle will turn some day, maybe sooner than we think.

Britain Is Nearing

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30% of Britain's car exports in July) and a new record in overseas sales of commercial vehicles and chassis of more than six times the 1938 average.

Manufactured articles rose by £12,100,000 (\$48,400,000) to £127,400,000 (\$509,600,000)—shipments of cotton yarn and manufactures totalling £12,900,000 (\$51,600,000), the highest value recorded since 1929.

Tractors

July has brought tractor exports this year beyond the \$40,000,000 mark, approximately one-quarter going to countries in the European Recovery Program. So far, the countries in E.R.P. or their overseas territories have received between one-quarter and one-third of all United Kingdom exports and re-exports in 1948.

Imports in July similarly reached a new high record with a value of £185,600,000 (\$742,400,000). Compared with June, there was an increase of £8,600,000 (\$34,400,000) in imports of food, drink and tobacco. A rise of close on £6,000,000 (\$24,000,000) in manufactured articles was offset by a fall of a similar amount for raw materials.

Re-exports amounted to £6,300,000

(\$25,200,000) so that the adverse trade balance in the month was £33,600,000 (\$134,400,000). This is \$4,600,000 (\$18,400,000) below June and lower than in any month of this year, except February when the figure was £31,200,000 (\$124,800,000).

Big Monopoly

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the same price. It does no good to try to "shop around."

How was competition abolished in this naturally competitive business? The F.T.C. tells in detail. The story is typical of many other industries. Boiled down, it is this:

Based on Patents

The 12 companies joined in the "Crown Manufacturers' Association." It formed a "Standardization Committee," which formulated a standard sales contract, base price agreement, schedules of deductions and additions, freight-equalization plan, and unlawful price fixing in license agreements based on patent rights.

Thus, again, patents were used—not to promote inventions and discoveries—but to create a monopoly and fix prices in violation of anti-trust laws.

Parts of the bottle cap price-fixing plan are similar to the "Pittsburgh plus" and "basing point" systems used by such big industries as steel and cement, and found illegal by the Supreme Court.

The F.T.C. ordered the bottle cap manufacturers and their association to stop their monopoly practices and try a little of the "free enterprise" which is publicly praised and privately disliked by business men.

Electricity for

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provide a considerable improvement in the voltage regulation for the western system.

New Customers

In the municipalities of South Norfolk, Morris, Saskatchewan and Minto, and in the villages of Lena, Wakopa and Desford 409 customers were connected to the system during the month of July.

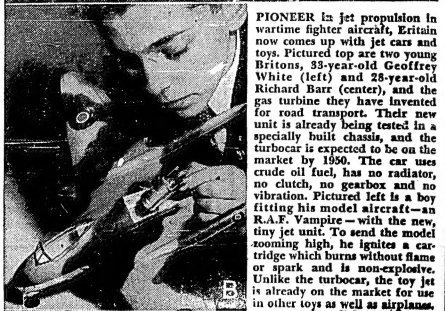
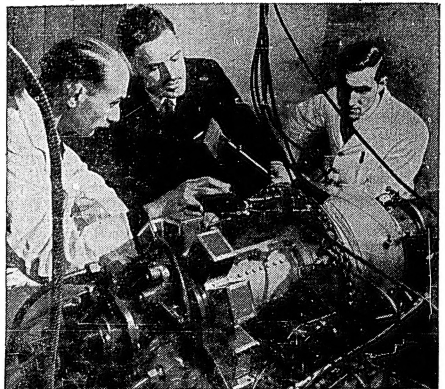
Pole setting in the rural electrification program shows satisfactory progress, with 13,321 poles being set during July of this year, making a total of 31,471 poles set since May, 1948. This is almost double the number set during the same period last year.

Pole Setting

Relocation of some lines has been necessary with new highways being built in various sections of the province. Meanwhile, pole setting continues in the municipalities of De Salaberry, Rockwood, Pipestone, Albert, Rosser, Grey, Roblin, Arthur and Blanchard. Over 560 miles of wire were strung during the month of July as compared with 260 miles strung during the same period last year. Farm areas which are in the process of being energized are the municipalities of Dufferin, Morris, Woodworth and Hamiota.

During the month of July the Manitoba Power Commission purchased and generated 11,682.42 kilowatt hours—an increase of 20.5% over the same month in 1947. The total number of services connected at the end of July this year totalled 42,147 compared with 35,980 at this same time last year.

Jets Used In Cars and Toys



PIONEER in jet propulsion in wartime fighter aircraft, Britain now comes up with jet cars and toys. Pictured top are two young Britons, 33-year-old Geoffrey White (left) and 28-year-old Richard Barr (center), and the gas turbine they have invented for road transport. Their new unit is already being tested in a specially built chassis, and the turbocar is expected to be on the market by 1950. The car uses crude oil fuel, has no radiator, no clutch, no gearbox and no vibration. Pictured left is a boy titling his model aircraft—an R.A.F. Vampire—with the new, tiny jet unit. To send the model zooming high, he ignites a cartridge which burns without flame or spark and is non-explosive. Unlike the turbocar, the toy jet is already on the market for use in other toys as well as airplanes.

Statistics Reveal

WAGES LAG BEHIND HIGH LIVING COST

OTTAWA.—Seasonal increases in employment in Canada raised the estimated total of Canadian labor income to \$567 million in May against \$540 million in April.

At the same time, in making this estimate, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics admits that wage hikes have not kept pace with the rise in living costs.

Average earnings in the mine leading non-agricultural industry groups declined very slightly. In the same period the cost-of-living continued to rise, increasing about two-thirds of 1 per cent between May 1 and June 1.

Labor income for the first five months of this year aggregated \$2,704,000,000, as compared with \$2,378,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

Canadian Congress

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malicious." C. H. Millard, Canadian director of the United Steelworkers of America, associated his union with the C.B.R.E. in prosecuting the IUMMSW.

"Slandorous" Remarks

R. H. Carlin, IUMMSW board

member, stated there was no basis for the article and that the author has been discharged from the union staff.

Charges against Harvey Murphy, vice-president of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, were laid by William Mahoney, CCL Western Director on the basis of "slandorous" remarks made by Murphy concerning CCL officials at a Federation banquet in Victoria, April 8.

A New Yorker, vacationing at a dude ranch, was hard put to cope with the tall tales told by the cowpunchers until he worked this one out.

"I, myself, once saw an animal," he told them, "that had eyes and couldn't see, ears and couldn't hear, and had legs and couldn't walk. But it could jump high as the Empire State Building."

"Well, go on," said a cowhand. "What was it?"

"It was a stuffed cat," said the New Yorker triumphantly.

The boys thought that over, and then the same cowhand growled: "Sure, but you said it could jump as high as the Empire State Building."

"If you boys would just think a moment," the New Yorker replied, "you'd know the Empire State building can't jump."



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